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Our Case No. 8864/7

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of:**

GRIFFITH D. NEAL

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**DECLARATION OF GRIFFITH D. NEAL REGARDING UNKNOWN  
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Griffith D. Neal hereby declares:

1. That he is the inventor who filed the above-identified application.
2. That he provided a copy of the following two documents to his attorney

for submission in an Information Disclosure Statement in the above captioned case:

LNP Engineering Plastics, Advertisement entitled "Konduit™ Thermally Conductive Composites," (2 pages)

Product Information from Dupont Engineering Polymers entitled "Electrical/Electronic Thermoplastic Encapsulation." Publ. Reorder No.: H-58633 (R, 96.7), 20 pages.

3. That he does not presently know the publication dates of the two documents, but believes that they were published prior to July 29, 1999, and that the second document may have been published in July 1996 because of the "96.7" designation that it has on its back cover.

4. That all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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